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THE SPANISH SQUADRON!

Their Reported Arrival at Santiago, on the Southern Coast of Cuba, is Confirmed by Later Despatches Received at Washington.

SAMPSON AND SCHLEY NOW AT KEY WEST

Their Two Fleets Combined for a Joint Attack on the Enemy's Squadron.

Special to EVENING HERALD.

Madrid, May 20.—It is rumored that the Spanish flying squadron under Admiral Cervera had arrived at Santiago de Cuba. Later it was given out that the government had received a dispatch confirming the report, and saying that the greatest enthusiasm existed at Santiago. The news caused great rejoicing.



ADMIRAL CERVERA.

In this city, and at all places of amusement the dispatches were read from the stage, the announcement being received with frenzied exhibitions of delight. After the close of the performance the audience mingled with the jubilant crowds in the streets, and there were repeated cheers for Admiral Cervera and the army and navy.

REPORT CONFIRMED.

There is no Longer Doubt of the Exact Location of the Spanish Squadron.

Special to EVENING HERALD.

Washington, May 20.—The report that the Spanish fleet was sighted off Port Limon, Jamaica, is this morning generally accepted as true, though not absolutely confirmed.

The Spanish report that the fleet is at Santiago de Cuba is probably correct. The fleet may proceed to Cienfuegos after a brief stay at Santiago de Cuba.

The location of the two American squadrons is not stated, officially, but is believed to be at Key West.

It seems to be the accepted belief that a battle is still some days off.

The officials here are not giving out any information as to the location or destination of American vessels, but it is very probable that the two fleets under Sampson and Schley will combine at or near Key West. If that be true it is reasonable to expect a naval battle within three or four days.

All the armorclads of the United States Navy are now at Sampson's disposal, provided the Oregon has reached his fleet, as there is good reason to believe she has. If it is true that the Spanish fleet is in Santiago it means, probably, that our armorclads will be divided into two squadrons to encompass the island and capture the Spaniards. From Key West to Santiago, going along the northern side of Cuba, is about 800 miles. Going by the southern side it is about 900.

The Spaniards, if at Santiago, cannot now escape. Sampson can be off that port before the enemy could coal sufficiently to escape, and Schley could intercept them on the southern coast of Cuba. The insufficient

supply of coal is the reason, probably, that the Spaniards allowed the Oregon to join Sampson.

The early part of next week should mark another naval victory for the United States if the Spaniards are at Santiago.

London, May 20.—A Madrid despatch says the Spanish fleet has arrived at Santiago de Cuba.

Upon arrival there, the commander says, he found two small American warships which retired with all possible speed.

The Queen Regent has cabled congratulations to Admiral Cervera.

Madrid, May 20.—Admiral Cervera telegraphed the government as follows: "Entered the port of Santiago de Cuba yesterday, without intervention, accompanied by the squadron. Saw two American warships off Santiago. They withdrew upon the arrival of the Spanish ships."

Senor Anon, Minister of Marines, received a message from Cervera, commanding the Cape Verde fleet, dated yesterday, saying that he had entered the port.

Key West, May 20.—Havana is now in nightly expectation of the arrival of the Cape Verde fleet. Ever since Tuesday night the Morro Castle large search light has been working mightily. It is believed that Gen. Blanco has had warning of the Spanish fleet's approach.

SANTIAGO FUGITIVES.

The Story They Tell Would Seem to Confirm the Madrid Dispatch Concerning Cervera.

Kingston, Jamaica, May 20.—Two American warships whose names were not discernible from the shore appeared off Santiago de Cuba Wednesday while the steamer Adula, which has arrived here from that port with refugees, was in the harbor. They approached and drew the fire of the batteries at the harbor entrance.

The firing continued from noon to 1 o'clock. Captain Walker, of the Adula, when coming out, could not see any marks on Morro Castle, and inferred that the American ships drew the fire of the batteries to learn the range.

There was much excitement in the city. The regulars and volunteers were called out and new earthworks batteries erected on each side of the harbor entrance. The number and caliber of the guns are unknown, but it is known that there are 21 torpedoes in the channel, electrically connected with the shore.

The cruiser Mercedes, whose boilers are disabled, has been anchored so she can rake the channel for 300 yards, and the merchant ship Mexico, from Barcelona, mounting four quick firing guns, is in the harbor. Several coasting steamers and schooners are at the wharves.

A few days ago a German steamer brought 16,000 bags of rice to Santiago de Cuba. Rice and sardines are the principal food supplies.

Wednesday night, when about 60 miles from Santiago de Cuba, seven large steamers moving in two columns crossed the Adula's course going west. They were evidently warships, but their nationality could not be identified. The Adula brought 255 passengers.

The descriptions given by the first mate and five seamen of the Adula agree as the fleet that crossed her course. Four of the ships were large cruisers and three were small. The Adula's crew believe they were the squadron under Admiral Cervera, and it is feared they may destroy the American blockading squadron.

JAMAICA'S DEFENCES TO BE INCREASED.

Special to EVENING HERALD.

Kingston, Jamaica, May 20.—On instructions from the British War Office, the Jamaica Legislature by a special vote, authorized a \$35,000 increase in the military appropriation for local defence. Holloway, the commander of the military forces, in moving for the vote, said: "War might break out at any moment, and the island be required to resist any attempt to wrest her from England."

In an interview later he said that peremptory orders had been issued from England to have the vote passed, in order that the English regiments might be withdrawn from the island in the event of war. This would make the island dependent upon her home guard.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

Latest Advice From the National Capital on the War Situation.

Special to EVENING HERALD.

WASHINGTON, May 20.

It has been officially announced that the invasion of Cuba will begin at once. There is, however, strong pressure brought to bear on the President against the landing of troops on the island at once, at least until the Spanish fleet is disposed of. The situation at present is so uncertain that it is difficult to predict when the invasion will begin.

On Monday in these despatches it was stated that a rearrangement of the fleets now in Cuban waters would result in giving Sampson all the armorclads, while Schley would be in command of the flying squadron in fact as well as in name. This is about to be effected. The guns on the re-armed fleets of Sampson and Schley would number from two to three times as many as those on the Spanish boats and probably would deliver five times as much metal at a single discharge. There seems, therefore, to be no escape from destruction for the Spaniards in the coming conflict, even with the assistance of the fortifications at Santiago.

There is not much doubt but that Admiral Sampson has returned to Key West and joined Schley's squadron. He may remain there until divers can clean the bottoms of the men-of-war, but this statement is dependent upon the movements of the Spaniards.

The battleship Oregon is reported by naval officials as being out of the reach of the enemy, but they will give no further information. She has already passed Martinique, says a despatch, and is probably on her way to join Sampson, if she has not already done so. She did not stop at Barbadoes, as reported.

A despatch from St. Pierre, Martinique, says the American auxiliary cruiser Harvard has sailed from that port, after completing repairs to her machinery. Her departure may be quickly followed by the Spanish torpedo-boat destroyer Terror, and she may follow the Harvard. Naval officials say she will never capture the American vessel.

Both the quartermaster general and the commissary general are having much trouble in getting the necessary supplies for the new army. Very few even among the army realize how poorly prepared the volunteer troops are at the present time for actual service.

The reports show that more than 100,000 of the volunteer troops have been mustered in. President McKinley will make no further call for volunteers unless unforeseen circumstances render it necessary.

The following assignments to the army corps were made to-day: First—Major General Brooks; Brigadiers Poland, Snyder and Arnold.

Second—Major General Graham; Brigadiers Guenther and Williston.

Third—Major General Wade; Brigadiers Bacon, Compton and Carpenter.

Fourth—Major General Coppinger; Brigadiers Bates, Davis and Schwan.

Fifth—Major General Schafter; Brigadiers Kent, Lawton and Chaffee.

Sixth—Major General Wilson; Brigadiers Anderson and Young.

Seventh—Major General Lee; Brigadiers Hawkins, Burt and Bates.

Eighth—Major General Morrill and Otis; Brigadiers Pennington and Randall.

Cavalry Division.—Major General Wheeler; Brigadiers Henry and Sumner.

SPAIN'S ARMY FOR THE PHILIPPINES.

Special to EVENING HERALD.

Barcelona, Spain, May 20.—The Spanish government is making actual preparations to send a large army to Manila to give battle to Admiral Dewey. Nearly 10,000 troops are embarking here for the Philippine Islands, and four large cruisers are making preparations to accompany the land forces. It is not known when they will start.

Spain's Philippine Fleet.

Special to EVENING HERALD.

Madrid, May 20.—It is announced that the reserve squadron will take the place of the Cadiz squadron. The vessels destined for the Philippines are the Viteria, Numancia, Lepanto, and Alfonso XIII.

Coal For the Fleets.

Special to EVENING HERALD.

Philadelphia, May 20.—The freighter Justin, Captain Ide, with coal and supplies, left Lehigh Island at 9:30 o'clock this morning for Lambert Point to take on 4,000 additional tons of coal for the Southern fleets.

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HOT TIME IN COUNCIL.

The Councilmen Denounce the Surcharges of the Auditors.

SEVERAL ITEMS EXPLAINED.

During the Exchange of Remarks the Language Became More Vigorous Than Elegant—Auditor Ploppert Impugned the Veracity of Mr. Boehm During the Exchange.

Special to EVENING HERALD.

The Borough Council held one of the most interesting and animated sessions its members have participated in for some time. The spirit of the occasion lit upon a consideration of the Borough Auditors' report. The matter was brought up by a statement by Mr. James that the bills submitted by the Auditors for their work were considered, and upon motion of Mr. Straughn the bills were referred to the law committee, and submitted for consideration, and with a request that the bills be itemized and sworn to. Auditor Ploppert was permitted to explain that the \$5 charged in his bill in excess of the bill put by his two colleagues was for stationery and the expense of filing his report at Pottsville. Council took the position that \$75 demanded by the Auditors each was a piece of extortion, and twice the amount that other towns pay.

Mr. James then attacked the Auditors for extravagance. In that they gave the contract for printing the audit out at \$55, whereas a bid had been given the Auditors to do the same work for \$45.

Mr. Straughn said that under the law the Council had no alternative but to accept the Auditors' report and, therefore, he would move that the statement be accepted, with the exception of the appendix under the head of surcharges, and to that part exceptions be noted. After the chair put the motion Mr. Straughn proceeded to speak on it, and for about half an hour bombarded the audit and the Auditors. He alleged that the statement did not show a fair report of the actual running expenses of the water works, which were in fact less than the amount of the duplicate. He also complained that a separate bond redemption statement had not been made, that the resources did not show the balance due from Tax Collector Burke, and that a serious error had been made in subtracting the liabilities from the expenditures; also that the report shows that the outstanding water bonds are \$141,000, when in fact it is but \$104,000, just \$100 less. He also complained that the water accounts should not have been audited up to April 3, 1898, but only to March 3, when the fiscal year and the Auditors' report close; that the Auditors had no legal right to give Supt. Stout credit after March 3. After calling attention to these features of the report Mr. Straughn proceeded to take up the surcharges and was interrupted by President McGuire, who said, "There is a lie as to one surcharge. The statement was never made before Council that Mr. Stout stated that those tools (wrenches) were no good."

Here Mr. Boehm said, "Mr. Stout denied that he said what is in that surcharge and Auditor Ploppert exclaimed, 'Mr. Stout told me he would make an affidavit to it.'"

Mr. Boehm took the Auditor's remark as an opening and retorted, "I, as one of the Council, and I believe all the others are with me, want Mr. Ploppert to prosecute this Council. Mr. Ploppert is the only man responsible for these surcharges and I am sorry for these other two young men, that they are drawn into this. We are ready. We are carrying the fullest investigation committee."

Mr. Ploppert: "And if you say I am the cause of these surcharges, you lie."

This remark caused a commotion among the many spectators, as well as the Councilmen, and Mr. Boehm said that if the chairman did his duty he would have the Auditor put out of the room and thrown down the steps. President McGuire warned the Auditor, and then Mr. Straughn was allowed to proceed. He said he believed that, rather than condemn Council should give the Auditors a vote of thanks for their report. That although the expenses of the borough for the year were upwards of \$65,000, after an investigation of two months, during which every item was scrutinized and every bill gone over, yet they come in with a surcharge of but \$304.30, or not 1-100 part of the expenditure. He said he had a record with which to go before the people," he said, "I don't know what record the people want. You can go from one end of the state to the other and not find a better one. They entered upon this audit, to do the members of this Council, and I am sorry they failed to do it. Why did not Mr. Ploppert come before Council and give us a hearing on these surcharges? Was not that a proper thing for any honorable man to do? No man but a sneak would do otherwise. We can prove a justification for these items, if we would pack his dinner can and walk over to the pumping station in the interest of the borough; and even Mr. Ploppert, the great reformer, would not consent to do that. Mr. Ploppert so stated that to a prominent business man whom he called upon for a contribution to prosecute the surcharges. The trip to Minersville was made because information was brought to Council that there was a man at that place who could give important evidence to defeat a suit for \$500 damages, and over \$200 was saved by it. As to the \$10 paid to Mr. Burke, the Borough Solicitor was away and it was necessary that Mr. Devers' appointment as High Constable should be attended to, as there was a contest, and Mr. Burke was engaged for the small sum of \$10. On the items charged for trips to Pottsville, no number of Council could be expected to go down into his own pocket for such expenses when the trips were made solely for the borough's interest. As to the \$30 paid John F. Whalen, who represented the police in prosecuting a suit with consent of Council, no one would expect the police to pay the fee out of their salaries. The \$25 a piece paid to J. B. Davis and William Keever was expended for making an audit of the water works accounts, which the Borough Auditors failed to make last year. They (the Auditors) accepted Hutteridge's work as facts, without investigation on their part, and for doing that we paid them \$10 extra. They surcharge us for paying men to do work they are by law supposed to do. The \$4.89 paid Oscar Betteger was an amount Council's auditors

PITHY POINTS.

Happenings Throughout the Country Chronicled in Hasty Perusal.

Ben. Ellis, of Pottsville, has received an offer to play third base for the Lyons Club of the New York State League.

Ellis Jordan, of Lost Creek, will probably locate permanently at Denver, Colo., where he is now visiting.

Memorial Day on Monday a week. Four churches and a wild west show are having the service, taking the money out of the county.

Harry Coontz, of Ashland, is a candidate for the Legislature, subject to Democratic rules.

By Griffin's family, of Mahanoy Plane, had a narrow escape from asphyxiation by coal gas on Tuesday night.

Small cigar drives in different sections have been slowed during the past week and a number of others will follow, in order to evade the license which will be required to take out under the provisions of the revenue bill, which is expected to go into effect shortly.

The barber pole was taken from a shop on West Coal street last night and placed in front of a private residence nearby.

At Keplerski's Arcade Cafe, Noodle soup, free, to-night.

Hot lunch to-morrow morning.

OVERSTOCKED IN TRIMMED MILLINERY.

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